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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR TEXT)

FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CY

SUBJECT: CYPRUS TALKS: PROGRESS REPORT

1. WE ARE TOLD BY UK DEL AND UN REP THAT AFTER ROUGH BEGINNING THE AUGUST 10 EVEING TALKS SETTLED DOWN ENOUGH FOR CLERIDES AND DENKTASH TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS. REPORTEDLY THERE WAS LITTLE NEW IN WHAT THEY SAID, APART FOR DANKTASH'S ESPOUSAL OF GEOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF AUTONOUOUS ADMINISTRATIONS (WHICH CLERIDES REJECTED) AND CLERIDES WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER MORE AUTONOMY, ON NON-GEOGRAPHIC BASIS, THAN DURING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HOWEVER, THE TWO DID AGREE TO MEET ALONE ON AUG. 11 TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY WAY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES WHICH COULD SET FRAMEWORK FOR ONGOING TALKS OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS WHOSE CONSLUSIONS WOULD BE REPORTED BACK TO THE THREE GUARANTORS. THE TWO WILL REPORT BACK ON THEIR AUG 11 TALKS TO A MEETING OF THE THE MINISTERS THAT SAME EVENING. (COMMENT: THIS IS LIKELY TO BE SECRET

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A TURNING POINT IN TALKS).

2. WHILE CLERIDES AND DENKTASH ARE TALKING ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION, THE THREE MINISTERS WILL MEET PRIVATELY STARTING AT 1030 AUG 11 TO CONSIDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE JULY 30 GENEVA DECLARATION, INCLUDING NICOSIA AIRPORT, EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES, STATUS OF ENCLAVES AND THE DEMARCACTION LINE. THE ONLY ONE OF THESE ON WHICH THERE IS ANY APPRICIABLE WORK-ING LEVEL AGREEMENT IS THE PRISONERS/DETAINEES.

3. GUNES REVERSED RECENT TURKISH DISCOMFITURE ON THE CEASFIRE BY EMPHASIZING BOTH AT MEETING AND AT LATER TALK WITH PRESS THAT WHILE PARA 2 OF THE DECLARATION (CEASE-FIRE PARA) HAS BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTTED, PARA 3 (ENCLAVES) HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY EFFECT ON THE GROUND. MAVROS CONTINUED DUCK THIS, PASSING BUCK TO CLERIDES. CLERIDES AT ONE POINT MADE INCUATIONS STATEMENT THAT GUARANTOR POWERS HAD NO COMPETENCE TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, WHERE UPON GUNES SUGGESTED IN MEETING AND AFTERWARD THAT THE MINISTERS SHOULD GO HOME AT ONCE AND DECLARE FAILURE SINCE THEY HAD NO POWER IN MOST IMPORTANT MATTER. CALLAGHAN HELD THE OTHER MINISTERS AND CLERIDES AND DENKTISH TOGETHER ON THIS ONE, URGING THAT THE LATTER TWO TALK AND REPORT BACK TO THE THREE RATHER THAN TAKING MORE RIGID UK POSITION THAT IT HAD NO CAUSE DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AT ALL.

4. WE ARE TOLD BY UN REP THAT CALLAGHAN WAS VERY GOOD IN THE CHAIR AND THE UK PRESS SPOKESMAN TOOK AN UPBEAT LINE IN PUBLIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BRIDGING THE CONSTITUTIONAL GAP BETWEEN THE PARTIES. PRIVATELY THE UK DEL IS STILL PESSIMISTIC BUT CALLAGHAN IS CONTINUING PERFORM WELL IN THE MEETINGS.

5. IN A LATER MEETING WITH CLERIDES, HE TOLD ME HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF TWO SEPARATE ZONES WITH GEOGRAPHIC AUTONOMY ON WHICH THE TURKS ARE INSISTING. EVEN IF HE WAS TO AGREE IN TALKS HERE, IT WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. HE WOULD TALK TO DENKTASH TOMMORROW AND MAKE FOUR GENERAL POINTS:

(A) HE CAN NOT ACCEPT EXTENSION OF PRESENT TURKISH ZONE OBTAINED  
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BY FORCE;

(B) HE CAN ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF A COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CENTRAL AUTHORITY EXERCISING JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS "WITHIN TERRITORIAL AREAS, WITH VILLAGES TO BE REGROUPED TO FORM LARGER AREAS WHERE EVER POSSIBLE.

(C) HE WILL NEED A TURKISH COMMITMENT TO BEGIN A PHASED REDUCTION

OF TROOPS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ALSO AGREEING TO INCREASE THE  
NUMBER  
OF TROOPS PRESENT UNDER THE TREATY OF ALLIANCE;

(D) HE WILL ABANDON THE UNIFORM STATE PRINCIPLE, THEREBY ENABLING  
THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO HAVE A MUCH GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY.

6. I ENCOURAGED CLERIDES STRONGLY TO TRY AND FIND SOME LANGUAGE RELATING TO ANY ONGOING DISCUSSIONS HE AND DANKTASH MIGHT HAVE WHICH WOULD REFER TO AUTONOMY IN A CONSTRUCTIVELY AMBIGUOUS WAY ENABLING THE TURKS TO SWALLOW IT BUT NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF TO MORE THAN THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR.

7. CLERIDES IS NEITHER SURPRISED NOR DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF SUPPORT FROM MAVROS. HE SAYS THAT IN STOP IN ATHENS, ON HIS WAY TO GENEVA, HE HAD A PRIVATE CHAT WITH KARAMASILIS WHO ASSURED HIM THAT, WHEN CLERIDES HAS EXTENDED HIS POSITION TO THE LIMIT, KARAMASILIOS AND GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT HIM TO ENABLE THIS POSITION TO HOLD IN CYPRUS. (THUS OUR MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED IN AT LEAST ONE PLACE IN ATHENS).

8. CLERIDES ALSO REPORTS THAT MARVOS HAD UNHELPFULLY SUGGESTED THAT MAKRIOS COME TO ZURICH TO BE NEARER AND AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS. CLERIDES TOLD MARVOS HE WAS TOTALLY OPPOSED. I AM BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT SOME OF THESE PRO MAKARIOS SUGGESTIONS MAY BE COMING FROM OLD FRIEND ELIAS DEMETROPOLOUS WHO IS MUCH IN EVIDENCE HERE WITH MARVOS'S ON AND DEEMA CLARKE IN TOW.  
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